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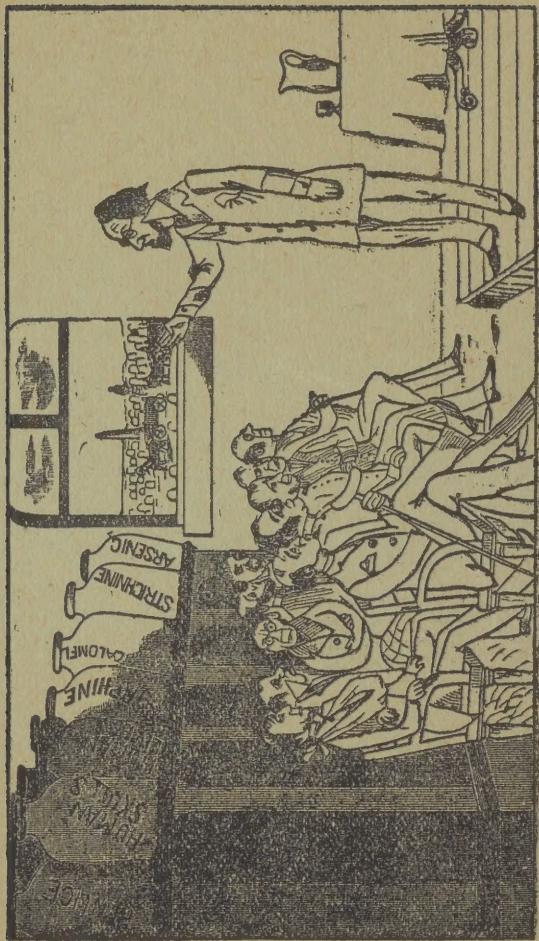
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Members of the Michigan Medical Legislation League laying
their Schemes.

Tricks and Frauds of State Boards.

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The public have but little conception of how they are being imposed upon by State Boards of Health and State Boards of Medical Examiners. Said Boards are part of a gigantic medical monopoly ring that are perpetrating the most stupendous outrages upon the public, and the impositions practiced are so shrewdly managed that said Boards are looked upon by the people as the conservators of the public health; but when a careful examination is made of their means and methods it will be readily seen that under cover of the name, "State Board of Health", or the high sounding title of "State Board of Medical Examiners," the people are imposed upon to an extent that is almost incredible in this enlightened age. In another lecture we will discuss their ignorant and ridiculous attempts to eradicate and suppress contagious and infectious diseases, and how dreadful suffering is inflicted upon helpless citizens who fall into the tyrannical hands of such ignorant monsters; but our present topic is to show the frauds practiced in another direction.

The State Board of Health of Indiana can be used as a sample to illustrate their tricks. It is well to understand that such Boards are usually composed of Allopathic Doctors who make a continual practice of pulling the wires to get appointed to said positions in order to get an advantage over the other Schools of Medicine. The people two or three centuries ago became disgusted with the poisons and the horrible mixtures used by the Allopathic School, and many of such poisons they were forced to abandon. BLEEDING AND OTHER POISONS were substituted, and thousands upon thousands fell victims to such barbarity. Again the people rebelled against such murderous practice; and again the Allopaths resorted to

another list of poisons, and surgical operations instead of natural and common sense treatment and non-poisonous remedies. In the meantime other schools of medicine opposing the old poisonous and murderous allopathic system having come to the front struck terror to the hearts of the poison givers, so they saw that unless some well managed plan was adopted the people would almost entirely withdraw their patronage.

Their plan was to call those who did not subscribe to their poisonous practice "Quacks," and get unjust and tyrannical laws smuggled through the legislature of every state possible, giving a State Board of Health or a State Board of Medical Examiners the power to say who shall and who shall not practice. They saw that they could not compete with other schools, unless they could get unjust laws passed to enable them to drive from the state practitioners who could cure where they were too incompetent to do anything but injure or kill the patient. They knew that such men as Doctor Samuel Thomson could cure in a few days or weeks cases that they had given up to die; and if such men were allowed to practice who had never attended a medical college they would lose their power over the people; consequently the plan was to get laws passed, making it a misdemeanor to practice medicine unless a certificate had been secured from a State Board of Health, either by presenting to them a diploma that had been issued by a college in sympathy with such unjust laws, or by passing an examination before them. By getting such laws passed, using all possible means to fix the impression on the people that any doctor that would not obey such unconstitutional laws was a "quack," they have succeeded in prejudicing many people that do not fully understand the underhanded schemes they resort

to. In some states however, such as Indiana, Michigan, and some twelve or fifteen others, they have failed to get such tyrannical laws passed, and the "State Board of Health" has no power whatever under the law to say who shall and who shall not practice. The scheme adopted to deceive the people is about as follows, and the frauds perpetrated in Indiana show up their methods conclusively. An attempt was made at the legislature of that State in 1893, to lobby a bill through, that would give the Allopathic Doctors seven members on an examining Board of nine, two only were to be Homeopaths, and this Board when appointed was to have the power to say who should and who should not practice. The Eclectic, Physio-Medical, and other schools were not to be represented on this board; and they wanted enough Allopaths on it, so they could have everything their own way. They failed however to get this tyrannical bill through. What was their next move? Not getting an unjust law lobbied through to suit them, the secretary of the Board continued to instruct the county clerks over the state not to issue State Licenses to candidates presenting diplomas from Medical Institutions, unless said colleges were named in the list sent them. Said Board had made it a practice for years past of sending out such lists, assuming that they possessed the power to dictate to the clerks on what Diplomas only they should issue licenses, when in fact they had no power whatever under the law to interfere in this matter at all. The Indiana State Board of Health is not considered of enough importance to be even mentioned in the law regulating the practice of medicine in Indiana, and yet for years they have deceived the people by sending out said lists. Some of the County clerks in that state have been hood-winked into believing that the State Board actually possessed the power, and are surprised on ex-

amining the law to find they have been the victims of such a fraud, and in one case where a clerk refused to issue a license, because the diploma of the applicant was not from a college, that the Medical Monopoly ring had listed as O. K. The candidate began proceedings at once to compel the clerk to do his duty as the law pointed out, instead of unlawfully obeying the dictates of a set of ignorant medical tyrants that had no authority in the matter whatever. When the clerk fully realized the situation, he saw it was folly to let this tricky and disreputable Board continue to get him into such trouble; and now when the law is complied with, he issues the necessary license, paying about as much attention to the Indiana State Board of Health as he does to the Egyptian mummies.

Another of the tricks of this Board, is to inform parties writing them for information and asking if a diploma from a certain Medical College will entitle the holder to practice in the state of Indiana. (This Board informs said parties that if they do not recognize a Medical College or University,) that a diploma from such an Institution does not entitle the holder to practice in said state. This is another downright fraud, for they have no law to back them up in it, and yet they have so successfully deceived the people that if a letter is received from the secretary of the Indiana State Board of Health to the effect that they do not recognize a certain Medical Institution, hundreds of people take it for granted that that settles the question, when a careful reading of the law shows that the recognition or non-recognition of this Board cuts no figure whatever. The fact that people can be so easily imposed on, and will not rely on their own judgment in such an easily understood matter, has not escaped the notice of the perpetrators of this fraud, and this is one reason they have grown so bold. Not only is the Indiana

State Board guilty of such false pretences, but similar Boards in other states have for years deceived the people in much the same way. The State Board of Health in the state of Kansas has been and still is perpetrating the same fraud, and why this fraud is so successfully worked deserves further explanation.

Many years ago when the poison giving Allopathic School saw that the people were disgusted with their murderous practice, and that the Homeopathic, Physio-Medical, Eclectic and other Schools were being patronized, and said Allopaths were loosing their grip, they succeeded in getting laws smuggled through the legislatures of several states, putting the power into the hands of a State Board controlled by Allopathic Doctors, to say what colleges they would or would not recognize, and any Colleges that they did not recognize, the Board in certain states could prevent the holder from practicing. Take for instance the State of Illinois. If the Illinois State Board does not recognize a Medical College, its graduates are not allowed to practice in said state, but because this is true in Illinois it by no means follows that it is true in Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Kansas and many other states that we could mention. It is surprising how little even practitioners or those just entering on the practice know, regarding the laws regulating the practice of medicine in their own state; and taking advantage of this ignorance, the State Boards in most of the states where medical monopoly laws were defeated, have quietly circulated falsehoods to the effect that if they did not recognize a diploma it was no good. And they have become so desperate in some states that they have roped in the Attorney Generals and the Secretaries of State to assist them in a quiet way, and they too in answering letters often mislead the public. We are prepared to furnish a type-written

copy of the law of any state in the Union for fifty cents, with comments on same, showing the unconstitutional features if any exist. Parties can then fully examine the law for themselves, and they will see that while it is true that in some states the State Board of Health has the power to prevent a physician from practicing if he has not got a diploma from a college in the Medical Monopoly Ring, there are many states where the frauds we have referred to, are being perpetrated on the people by a Board who do not possess this power that would have been more appropriately named, had they been called the State Board of Death. We are willing to admit that there are in some towns and counties in some of the States, health officers that are good fair minded and honorable men, but we have found the State Boards of Health as a rule, usually controlled by men that make a regular business of laying and executing plans to use the power and influence derived from operating under cover of the "name," "State Board of Health," to place their rivals in the profession at a disadvantage. The case mentioned in our Annual Announcement of an Allopathic Health Officer in a Michigan town, illustrates this matter fully. Said Health Officer having lost five children in one family, one of our graduates was called in and he was dismissed, and our graduate succeeded in saving the remaining two children. He was also called where another Allopath had lost four in another family, and the remaining children saved. Steps were at once taken by this so called Health Officer, (that had succeeded in getting the appointment, and was parading before the people as a guardian of the public Health) to injure the practice and reputation of the physician who had succeeded in saving life, where said Allopathic Health Officer had been administering poison, and the patients were dying rapidly. Now

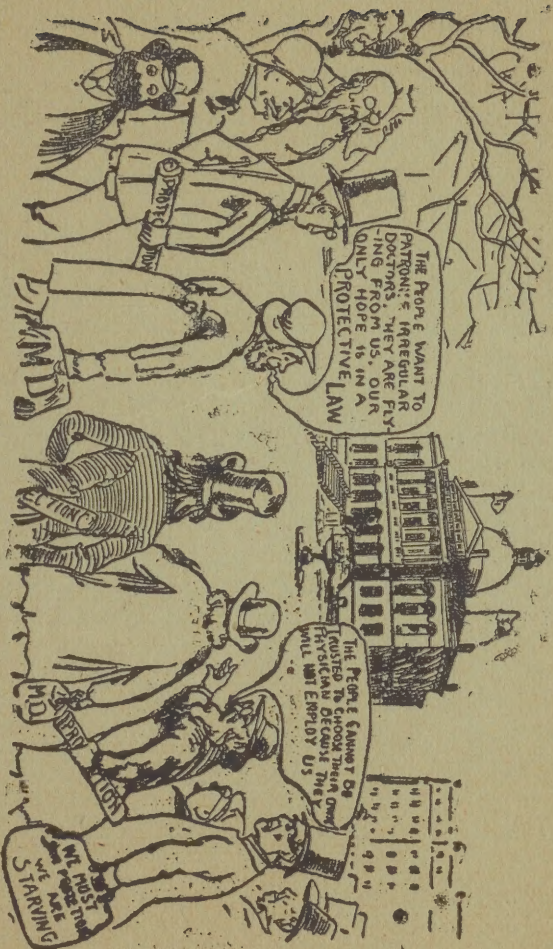
said Health Officer, had he examined the Michigan law, could have seen at a glance that our graduate was acting in strict compliance with the law of the State, but this made no difference; having received a deficient medical education in an Allopathic College, and being like thousands of the graduates of said colleges, too ignorant to treat a simple case of diphtheria successfully, he adopted the same plan that so many of them resort to and undertook by slander to prejudice the people against his more competent and successful rival, so he wrote to the Secretary of the Michigan State Board of Health, who it would certainly be supposed would know just what the law regulating the practice of medicine was in said State. To suppose that said Secretary did not know what the law was on this point, is too ridiculous to be entertained for a moment; and yet he proceeded to use means to injure one of our graduates, because said graduate did not belong to the Medical Monopoly Ring, who had not only saved the lives of those children, but who had complied with the law in every particular. The Michigan law is one of the fairest and most just laws in the entire Union, and the Allopaths "there" have been defeated again and again. They lobbied a bill through the last legislature, but the Governor vetoed it; and when the Secretary in his frantic efforts through the newspapers and by other means undertook to mislead the people, we of course issued circulars and cartoons, and we tore off the sheep-clothing from the incompetent and slanderous quacks and showed them up in their true light. We soon had them frothing at the mouth and the articles that appeared in the newspapers intended to injure us, showed conclusively the weakness of their position. It was actually amusing to notice a "write up" by a newspaper, that wanted in their forlorn condition, to help them out of the hole by stating that a certain Michigan town was in the hands of our graduates, who were doing the bulk of the business. This demonstrated conclusively their lack of business tact as clearly as they had formerly

shown their lack of medical ability and skill; but they did not seem to comprehend the fact until we pointed it out to them that the public had sense enough to employ our graduates in preference, and that publishing such facts to the world was advertising their own incompetency.

In order to give the public a still better chance to judge of the justice of our cause, we advertised that speakers from our Institution would lecture in the town where the attack was made; and since that took place, it is surprising how still they keep, and the plan they have now adopted, (being unable in an open field and in a fair fight to down us) is to find out men, that are aspiring to be elected to the legislature. (Then all the Allopathic Doctors in the State of Michigan) who are in favor of a law that will rob the people of their most sacred rights, and help them to drive from the state, men that can cure cases that they can't, will work to elect such men if said aspirants will only promise to vote for such a bill. Ohio has until lately been a free state; but at the last session of the legislature, an infamous bill was lobbied through both houses, that it is said, cost the Allopathic Doctors of that state from ninety to one hundred thousand dollars. Their scheme was to begin laying their wires a year or two before the legislature met, and buy up their men to do their bidding. Michigan seems to be following suit. Proper action on the part of the people can of course defeat such attempts, but the trouble is the people are not usually aware of the trap that is laid until it is too late. They have never asked for such monstrous laws and we have certainly said enough to put them on their guard. They must remember that while there are good honorable men in the Allopathic profession, the controlling element is in favor of laws that make saving life, (if performed by one that is not in their ring), "a crime," and shelters those in the Medical Trust even if they are committing crimes for which high-way robbers and other criminals are sent to the penitentiaries. Look out for the tricks and frauds of State Boards of Health, and State Boards of Medical examiners.

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